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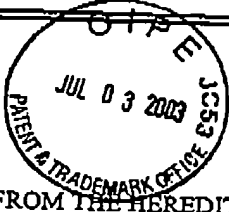
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CORRECTED RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated February 11, 2003 (Paper No. 12), an incomplete Response to Restriction was filed on March 28, 2003. In response to the Office Communication dated June 3, 2003 (paper No. 16) a Corrected Response to Restriction Requirement is being filed. Please consider the following election and remarks.

Applicants did previously submit concurrently herewith a Petition For Extension of Time for one (1) month from March 11, 2003, up to and including April 11, 2003 for the original Response to Restriction Requirement filed March 28, 2003.

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REMARKS

In response to the requirement for restriction, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group A, directed to a plasmid comprising a sequence unique to SEQ ID NO:1, 3, 5 or 7 or the complement thereof.

In response to the species election requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121, Applicants elect SEQ ID NO:1 for immediate examination. Upon allowance of a generic claim, the Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141.

As well, Applicant is required Under 37 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for each of Groups B, C and D, for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

In response to the species election requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121, Applicants elect SEQ ID NO:1 for Group B. With regard to Group C, Applicants elect a plasmid comprising an oligonucleotide comprising at least 8 consecutive oligonucleotides. Finally, with regard to Group D, Applicants elect SEQ ID NO:1.

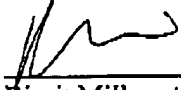
Applicants respectfully request that the above-made remarks be made of record in the file history of the present application.

CONCLUSION

Examination of the elected claims is respectfully requested. No fee beyond the extension of time fee is believed due in connection with this response. However, should the Commissioner determine otherwise, he is authorized to charge any required fee or credit any overpayment to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (order no. 8907-087-999).

Respectfully submitted,

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